

Annual Rideshare Survey Important

By Craig Hirakawa

Why is it necessary for me to complete a rideshare survey every year?

County employees ask the question every year at survey time, which usually is from late from July to early September.

Surveys are conducted at work sites that have more than 100 County employees. It is the major component of the County's annual Rule 2202 Employee Commute Reduction Program plan process and is required by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

The Countywide Rideshare Plan is due to the AQMD on Dec. 1.

Employees who rideshare through carpooling, vanpooling, public transit, bicycling, walking and telecommuting and/or have a compressed workweek schedule (4/40, 9/80) are vital to the County's efforts to meet its Average Vehicle Ridership (AVR) goals.

For example, an increase in AVR from the previous year means easier plan approval from AQMD. However, if a site's AVR drops, it may be asked to strengthen parts of its rideshare plan, while a

continual decrease may result in a recommendation for participation in the AQMD's Air Quality Investment Program.

AQIP requires sites to pay a fee, based on the number of employees, to ensure compliance with AQMD.

In short, accurate rideshare surveys are important to keep the County in compliance with AQMD regulations, thus avoiding paying extra fees.

Remember this the next time you are asked to fill out your rideshare survey.

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November 9th

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&

December 19th

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Calendar of Events

L.A. Kings vs. San Jose Sharks

Thurs. Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.

L.A. Kings vs. Calgary Flames

Tues. Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Staples Center

County Rideshare Plan

Due to SCAQMD

December 1

Regional Planning Art Auction

Thursday, Dec. 7, 7-10 p.m.

Gallery 825

825 N. LaCienega Blvd., LA



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Annual Rideshare Fair Held at Civic Center

More than 300 County employees attended the Civic Center Clean Air/Rideshare Fair held on "Rideshare Thursday" on the Mall of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration in downtown Los Angeles.

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky introduced the motion proclaiming Oct. 12 as "Rideshare Day" in the County of Los Angeles, in support of the annual event to promote clean air and public transportation.

"Air pollution remains a serious threat to the health of residents throughout the County despite aggressive efforts to reduce" air pollution from employee commutes," said Supervisor Yaroslavsky.

"The Rideshare Fair is one way to encourage employees to rideshare or use public transportation to commute to work."

"A successful ridesharing program can improve air quality through traffic



Clockwise, from top left, a County Public Works hybrid vehicle on display is examined by CAO David Janssen, who later presents an opportunity drawing gift to winner Frances Shen, Auditor-Controller.



Photos by Scott Harms

mitigation and help the County achieve its air quality improvement goals for the Los Angeles basin," said Supervisor Yaroslavsky.

Chief Administrative Officer David E. Janssen gave remarks, noting that he "walked to work this morning to do my part for clean air." Janssen also participated in

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Yaroslavsky Helps Launch 2006 CGC Campaign

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, pointing out the generosity of County employees, joined Board

and County officials to launch the 2006 Charitable Giving Campaign. "County employees gave more than \$1.5

million last year to help children and families in need," he said, during the Executive Breakfast held in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center. "The funds are used for literacy classes, health and human services."

Mayor Michael D. Antonovich is Honorary Chair of the campaign. He is joined by Co-Chairs CAO David Janssen, DPSS Director Bryce Yokomizo, DHS Director Bruce Chernoff and Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Conny McCormack.

"Caring is Giving" is the theme of the annual fundraiser, which emphasizes payroll deduction contributions to the five, Board-approved fund distribution agencies: United Way, Brotherhood

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky, left, and CAO Janssen, right, join Pat Smith of Earth Share of California to present a gift to opportunity drawing winner Carla Williams, Fire Department.

Photo by Scott Harms

Orange Line Extension Study Planned by MTA

Members of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) board have moved to study the feasibility of extending the successful Metro Orange Line north to Chatsworth and designing bus-only lanes along Ventura Boulevard.

"We have an opportunity to do something to build on the Orange Line's success," said Supervisor Zev Yaroslavy, an MTA board member. He asked MTA staff to also look at extending the line to the Ronald Reagan (118) Freeway.

"We also have the need to deal with the mid-valley, east valley, where transit dependency is the greatest. I think this strategy enables us to potentially accomplish all three," he added.

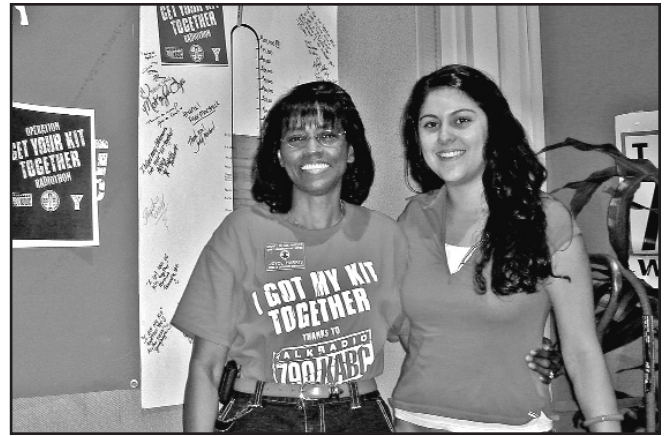
Transit officials will study whether a dedicated busway can be built from the Metro Orange Line Canoga station—set to open in December at Victory Boulevard and Canoga Avenue—to the Chatsworth Metrolink station.

The busway would be built parallel to Canoga Avenue at an estimated cost ranging from \$135 to \$165 million dollars. Ridership on the line is uncertain at this time.

The Orange Line opened as a 14-mile busway between Woodland Hills and North Hollywood.

Buses on Van Nuys Boulevard currently have about 33,000 weekday boardings.

Joyce Harris, left, CAO Office of Emergency Management, thanks Larissa Maness of KABC Talkradio (790AM) for sponsoring the "Get Your Kit Together" radiothon. The benefit fundraiser raised more than \$120,000 for emergency preparedness programs, including OEM. County employees donated time for the radiothon and those who served at least three hours received a free kit.



New Metro Rapid Line Added on Sepulveda Blvd.

A new Metro Rapid Line 734 has been added on Sepulveda Boulevard, in the San Fernando Valley, operating between Ventura Boulevard and the Sylmar Metrolink Station.

"The new line operates every 10 minutes during morning and afternoon peak periods and every 20 minutes in mid-days and evenings, Monday through Friday," said officials. It is part of an expansion of the Metro Rapid Bus program.

Metro has added high capacity buses to six lines, adding 60-foot articulated buses on Metro Rapid Lines 720 (Wilshire-Whittier) and 761 (Van Nuys); and 45-foot buses on

Metro Rapid Lines 711 (Florence), 740 (Hawthorne), 745 (Broadway) and 750 (Ventura).

To enhance service for bus riders, Metro has added morning and afternoon trips to 13 routes—Metro Lines 108, 161, 166, 209, 450X, 484, 490, 634, 710, 711, 740, 754 and 757.

All day shuttle service between Metrolink Sylmar Station and Mission College on Line 634 now operates on a 30-minute frequency. Metro has restored midday service on Line 209 (Van Ness/ Arlington Ave.) in the South Bay.

Metro bus lines 4/304 (LA/Santa Monica) also have additional midday service between Highland and Vermont Avenues.



Treasurer-Tax Collector Mark J. Saladino, right, Chief Deputy Anthony Yakimowich, left, and Assistant TTC Manager Ray Miyagawa, rear left, are joined by bank representatives, who participated in "Group Banking Day," held in October on the Mall of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration. Attending are Ken Jordan and Jill McCullough of U.S. Bank, Jodi Lee Houston and Darryl T. Minor, Citibank, Christine Herrera and Amy Floyd, Bank of the West, Ronnie Rivera and Maryam Shah Hosseini of Bank of America, Delores McNeely and Lara Dubrovsky of Union Bank of California and Min-Soo Lee, Wells Fargo Bank.



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Volunteers Honor CAO David Janssen at Wrap-up Luncheon

Mayor Michael D. Antonovich gave remarks and Chief Administrative Officer David E. Janssen was honored at the annual wrap-up luncheon for the Volunteer Program, which was held in September.

The working luncheon allows coordinators to review and discuss the recognition and awards event held in April and to begin planning for the following year. More than 70 employees attended.

"Volunteer coordinators and directors want to recognize your support and dedication to the program by presenting you with the Bronze President's Volunteer Service Award," said Victoria P. Lane, director, CAO Workplace Programs, which administers the Countywide program. Ms. Lane



At left, Mayor Michael D. Antonovich addresses volunteer coordinators and directors while, at right, Victoria P. Lane presents CAO Janssen with the President's Volunteer Service Award, while Efrain Ruiz reads the proclamation.

pinned the award on Janssen's lapel as Efrain Ruiz, Superior Court, read the award letter from the President.

The volunteer coordinators are busy

working on the 2007 event, which will be held on Monday, April 30, in the Grand Hall, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Music Center.

Photos by Henry Salazar

L.A. Smog Season Dominated by Unhealthy Air

Southern California recorded 86 days of unhealthy air during the recently concluded smog season, according to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

"Personal exposure to air pollution is diminishing but not at the dramatic pace we experienced during the past two decades," said Barry Wallerstein, executive officer of the SCAQMD. "This trend makes it imperative that we redouble our efforts to reduce emissions, particularly from mobile sources, in order to meet upcoming federal ozone and particulate matter standards."

The Southland exceeded the federal eight-hour ozone health standards on 86

days, compared with 83 last year and 88 in 2004. The area, which has a huge population of motorists, continues to have the worst overall air pollution despite strict air quality requirements.

The eight-hour standard is exceeded when ozone levels top 0.08 parts per million during an eight-hour average. The one-hour standard is 0.12 ppm. Southern California must meet the eight-hour standard by 2021.

Smog season officially begins in May and ends on Oct. 31. The 2006 season peaked during the summer months due to unusually warm weather.

Shuttle Links Metro Red Line With Hollywood Bowl

Parking at the Hollywood Bowl is a real challenge.

Metro and Hollywood Bowl officials have joined forces to make getting there a whole lot easier and less stressful.

A new Hollywood Bowl shuttle has been started and departs every 15 minutes from the Hollywood/Highland Metro Red Line station, beginning two and a half hours before performances.

The service is free to Metro riders showing valid passes and tickets.

The shuttle may be accessed on Orange Drive, just one block west of the Hollywood/Highland station, between Hollywood Boulevard and Franklin Avenue. Passengers will be dropped off near the Bowl box office. To return, simply board at the Bowl bus loading area.

Shuttles return to the Orange Drive stop for 30 minutes after the show concludes.

For more information, call 323-850-2000 or visit www.hollywoodbowl.com.



In addition, persons attending a performance at the Hollywood Bowl may call 1-800-Commute to plan the best route to Hollywood/Highland station.

Metro Rewards Member Wins

Metro Rewards, a County rideshare reward program, recently held a one-time drawing for dedicated members, which was won by Adiel Vasquez, CAO employee.

Vasquez received a \$100 gift card to Best Buy, which was presented by Blanca Fierro Duarte, Countywide Employee Transportation Coordinator Manager.

Employees who wish to be eligible for Metro Rewards must rideshare with other working adults at least eight workdays a month for three months or longer. The worksite must be located in the County of Los Angeles.

For more information on Metro Rewards, please visit www.Metro.net.



Blanca Fierro-Duarte, Countywide Employee Transportation Coordinator Manager, commends CAO employee Adiel Vasquez for ridesharing and hands him a \$100 gift card.



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some of the opportunity drawings.

The Clean Air/Rideshare Fair is a partnership with several southland transportation agencies, including the Santa Monica Big Blue Bus, Metro, South Coast Air Quality Management District, VPSI, Inc., Montebello and Foothill Transit Companies, Flexcar, Metrolink, Enterprise, Los Angeles City Department of Transportation, and the County Public Works Department.

On view for employees were a range of hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles, from compacts to SUVs. Claremont Toyota displayed three hybrid vehicles to show the choices available for purchase. Employees also were able to sign up for a free test drive at the dealership.



From left, AQMD's Roosevelt Brown speaks with County employees about clean air vehicles while, at right, Edie Howard of Metro congratulates an opportunity drawing winner at the Civic Center Clean Air/Rideshare Fair.



County employees pickup rideshare information from vendors and get a close up look at hybrid vehicles displayed by Claremont Toyota; and Edward Hargrave, top right, of Metrolink talks with employees about the rail service. Above center, Victoria P. Lane and Craig Hirakawa, Director and Assistant Director, respectively, CAO Workplace Programs, congratulate an opportunity drawing winner. County employees interested in giving ridesharing a try should contact 1-800-LA COMMUTE for a trip plan. Bus and rail schedules are available at www.Metro.net.

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Crusade, Asian Pacific Community Fund, Earth Share of California and the United Latino Fund.

Speaking on behalf of Mayor Antonovich, Lori Glasgow, Assistant Chief Deputy, Fifth District, said, "the County's charitable giving campaign is a worthwhile effort to help the working poor. In many of these families, the parents work two jobs and still are unable to afford health care.

"The money donated by County employees through payroll deduction has been a safety net for many local health and human service programs," she said.

Also attending the kickoff breakfast were campaign partners Nicole Rivelli of El Capitan Theatre and Justin Riley of 94.7FM The Wave.

Awards for the 2005 campaign were presented by Mayor Antonovich at a recent Board meeting. The "top payroll deduction award" recipients were Public Works, 16.3%; Internal Services, 18.6%; Parks and Recreation, 18.7%; Chief Administrative Office, 23.6% and Human Relations Commission, 58.8%.

The "top cash donation awards" were earned by DPSS, \$183,666; Regional Planning, \$5,611; Community Development Commission, \$5,177; and Auditor-Controller, \$4,496.

"Outstanding Coordinator" awards went to Patricia Bautista, DPSS; Gary Fountain and Steven Jones, Regional Planning.



Mayor Michael D. Antonovich presents a mock check for \$1.6 million to representatives of the fund distribution agencies, from left, Vince Ibarra, United Latino Fund; David Menchaca, United Way of Greater Los Angeles; Gina Lew, Asian Pacific Community Fund; John Dean, Earth Share of California; and Alonzo Neal, Brotherhood Crusade.



At left, CAO David Janssen and Michael J. Henry, Director, Human Resources, congratulate Linda Hopkins, DHR employee and opportunity drawing winner. Center, Campaign Co-Chairs Bryce Yokomizo and CAO Janssen congratulate winner Dave Lambertson, ISD Director. At right, Mayor Michael D. Antonovich congratulates Regional Planning Director Bruce McClendon and staff members Gary Fountain and Steven Jones.

At right, Campaign Co-Chairs Bruce Chernoff, Health Services Director, and CAO Janssen congratulate winner Stephanie Maxberry, Ombudsman's Office; and Fifth District Assistant Chief Deputy Lori Glasgow speaks at the breakfast.



Supervisor Don Knabe Chairs I-710 Freeway Project

Supervisor Don Knabe has been named chairman of the I-710 Executive Committee of the Freeway Improvement Project.

"I appreciate the support of my colleagues in selecting me to chair this important committee," said Supervisor Knabe. "This committee has a difficult task ahead of it, but improving the 710 will be good for the entire region.

"Reducing traffic congestion and improving safety on this freeway will not only benefit the surrounding neighborhoods, but also the private and commercial drivers that use the freeway daily," said Supervisor Knabe.

The central function of I-710 Executive Committee is to provide policy guidance and general direction to the I-710 Corridor Improvement Program. It seeks to make major refurbishments to the freeway and its surrounding environment that connects the County's two seaports (San Pedro and Long Beach) to the rest of the region.

The 20-mile stretch of freeway is vital to ensuring the smooth flow of trade goods across the southern California area.

Also serving on the committee are Supervisors Gloria Molina and Yvonne B. Burke.



CAO Janssen, right, Second District Deputy Del Huff, second from right, and Victoria P. Lane, second from left, welcome campaign partners Nicole Rivelli of El Capitan Theatre and Justin Riley of 94.7FM The Wave to the breakfast.



At left, Supervisor Gloria Molina, third from right, joins in the official ribbon cutting ceremony for Cornfield Park, which recently was declared a state historic park. The park is located north of downtown Los Angeles, near Chinatown.

Give Savings Bonds for the Holidays

As the holiday season approaches, think about U.S. Savings Bonds as the ideal gift to complete your shopping lists for family and friends.

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LACountyHelps.org Website Operating

The LACountyHelps website is now up and running in English and Spanish, providing important information on health and human service programs available to needy individuals and families.

Service professionals and members of the public may find the site useful for identifying an individual's potential eligibility for specific services. The site may be accessed at

<http://www.LACountyHelps.org>.



Treasurer-Tax Collector Mark J. Saladino shows how easy it is to participate in the new U.S. Coin Exchange Program. Employees may exchange U.S. coins for U.S. paper currency free of charge on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., first floor, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration. Employees must have a valid County identification.

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Full payment for consignment orders must be paid by December 15, 2006

All orders must be picked up at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room B-1, unless alternate arrangements are made. Please contact Ruben Rivero at (213) 974-2523 to arrange for pick up.

Signature _____

Date _____

Art Auction Set To Benefit CGC

Regional Planning Department will sponsor an international art auction on Thursday, Dec. 7, at Gallery 825 as a benefit for the County's Charitable Giving Campaign, announced Gunnar Hand, coordinator.

The Los Angeles Art Association (www.laaa.org) is assisting with the auction at Gallery 825, which is situated at 825 N. LaCienega Blvd., near West Hollywood.

County employees are invited to the free event. Artworks from as far away as Switzerland and Japan will be on sale.

The fundraiser will be held on Dec. 7 from 7 to 10 p.m., said Hand. For more information, contact Hand at (213) 974-6417.



Photos by Henry Salazar

Supervisor Yvonne Burke sponsored her annual "Fishin in the City" event for local and foster children at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area in Baldwin Hills. Local children display their catch while John Hill, right, Chief Deputy, and Deputy Miriam Simmons welcome supporters to the fishing party.

Census Study Looks at Traffic Patterns

Growth and gridlock are affecting how Americans get to work, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community survey.

In congested areas such as Los Angeles, commuters are leaving earlier for work, arriving between 5 and 7 a.m. The survey also showed that minorities and immigrants use public transportation and rely more on mass transit than majority communities.

Safe Surrender Sets Milestone

A newborn girl in October became the 46th baby handed over under the Safe Surrender Program, announced Supervisor Don Knabe, who initiated the program in 2001.

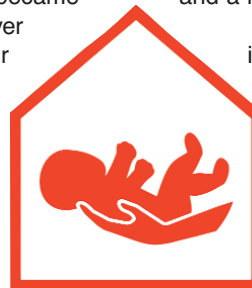
The two-day old baby girl was safely surrendered on October 7 at County Fire Station 154 in Covina. According to firefighters, the mother brought the baby in herself and remained at the station until paperwork

and a health check were completed.

"This case could have ended in tragedy but because of the Safe Surrender program, this baby girl has a long life ahead of her," said Supervisor Knabe.

The infant, who was immediately placed in protective custody by the Department of Children and

Family Services, will live with a foster adoptive family.



County of Los Angeles Holiday Bears 2006 Charitable Giving Campaign "Caring is Giving"



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